Loans Advanced to Schemes of Minorities Development Corporations

*89. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nationalised banks are not coming forward to advance the schemes of various Minorities Development Corporations;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite directions by Government and RBI to the nationalised banks to provide loans to minorities the banks are not giving loans; and

(c) the total advances given by nationalised banks for the schemes sponsored by the Minorities Development Corporations in the country, during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that they have not come across any instance where nationalised banks are not coming forward to grant advances against schemes of various Minorities Development Corporations. National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has also not received any complaint from State Minorities Development and Finance Corporations (MDFCs) regarding refusal of banks to finance Margin Money schemes of NMDFC.

(b) The reports received by the Government from the convenor banks of the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) indicate that the instructions of RBI and Government are being followed by the banks. Further NMDFC has reported that it has not come to their notice that banks are not giving loans to minorities.

(c) The total advances by nationalised banks for schemes sponsored by the Minorities Development and Finance Corporations (for the States which have constituted such Corporations) are set out below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

States	Years		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Andhra Pradesh	540.49	483.00	720.64
Bihar	4.97	Nil	2.67
Karnataka	543.22	728.21	1172.34
Uttar Pradesh	273.10	405.17	812.72

Debiting Expenditure on Account Holders on Account of 'Taxi Charges'

*90. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that account holders who obtain advances, cash credit facilities etc. from private and public sector banks can be debited expenditure by the bank authorities on account of 'taxi charges' for visiting them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether bank authorities are required to submit the inspection report on each visit and if so, whether authorities are submitting the reports and whether any inquiry has been made into the matter; and

(d) the reasons for this practice and the steps taken to stop it forthwith?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that in the case of borrowers who obtain advances or cash credit facilities from banks, it may become necessary for the banks to undertake visits for inspection purpose. Generally the terms of sanction provide for inspection and for charges